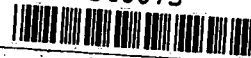


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101 South Wacker Drive
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Re: Duane Marine site

Dear Mr. McElroy:

I am sending you a copy of the first CERCLA section 106 order that was issued by EPA in the Duane Marine matter. That order was issued to 35 parties identified by EPA as either owners or operators, or as generators of hazardous substances which had been sent to the Duane Marine facility for disposal. It was signed and sent out on December 4, 1984.

I am also sending you copies of the summation page of the information packages, generated on the computer, that were furnished to each respondent at the conference held on December 13 in New York, and of the key to the codes that identify wastes on the printout. When the information from the copies of the manifests that are in the files of the State of New Jersey has been entered into the computer system and processed, I will send a complete package that will show you all the information EPA has concerning your client and its connection with the Duane Marine facility.

During our telephone conversation of December 26, 1984, you told me that at that time you were not inclined to ask for a conference with EPA to discuss U.S. Gypsum/Durabond's role in the cleanup at the Duane Marine site. Even though the formal conference period has expired, you should not hesitate to call if you wish to discuss any aspect of the case.

EPA will be meeting with some of the committee members,

including Norman Bernstein, Ford Motor Company's attorney, on Wednesday, January 9, 1985. We will let you know what is discussed at that meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Thompson
Waste and Toxic Substances Branch
Office of Regional Counsel

Enclosure